Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—Proposals have been received from the Director of Public Instruction and it is being examined. It is a very complicated affair and we want to see that no more petition to the Supreme Court or the High Court is filed by the persons. What we are anxious is to see that without any controversy the whole list is finalised.

MADAM SPEAKER.—Sri N. B. Sirdesai is permitted to put the Question No. 115 on behalf of Sri B. B. Sayanak.

Dispensaries in Belgaum Municipal Limits

115. **Sri N. B. SIRDESAI** (Khanapur) [On behalf of **Sri B. B. SAYANAK** (Belgaum)].—

Will the Minister for Health be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of dispensaries existing in the limits of Belgaum Municipality ;

(*b*) the number of doctors working in the dispensaries run by the Belgaum Municipality ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that there are no dispensaries at Mujagaon and jane-Belgaum which are the parts of the Belgaum Municipality ;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that there is only a part-time dispensary at Angol which has more than 10,000 population ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that Angol village had a full-time dispensary ; when it was (a village) in the erstwhile Kurundwad State?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) There are ten dispensaries.

1. Allopathic Dispensaries	...	4
2. Ayurvedic Dispensaries	...	5
3. Maternity Home	...	1
Total		10

(*b*) There are nine doctors in all as under :—

1. Three Medical Officers
2. One Lady doctor
3. Five Vaidyas.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) Yes.

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI.—May I know what is the minimum population fixed for opening a dispensary and for appointing a full time doctor in the dispensaries within the municipal limits ?

†Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—There is no such specific provision for the Municipal limits. So far as the Municipal Limits are concerned, wherever the municipality has to maintain the hospital, it is open to them to have a dispensary wherever they find it is essential.

Sri P. A. PAWSHE.—That means that there are no dispensaries at Mazgoan and June-Belgaum ; as it is necessary to have dispensaries at those places, may I know when the Government is going to start them?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—We will consider it. I believe, you must agree that so far as Belgaum City is concerned, apart from the dispensaries run by the Municipal Corporation, there is a big civil hospital and there are various other hospitals in Belgaum City. If any particular area needs an out-patient dispensary, that is open for the municipality to have it. It is a rich municipality and they can afford to have it.

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI.—With reference to (c), may I know why a full time doctor is not appointed to the dispensary at Angole ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I will consider ; if a full time doctor is necessary, I will post one.

Sri D. B. KALMANKAR.—In Belgaum city area, in addition to the municipal dispensaries, how many other dispensaries of the Government are there ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Besides these dispensaries in the Municipal limits in Belgaum City, there is the District Hospital-civil hospital. The leprosy and Jail hospital of Hindalga is also functioning within the Belgaum municipal limits. The civil hospital that is there is a big one.

Sri P. A. PAWSHE.—There are ten doctors including a lady doctor. May I know whether the staff is sufficient at Belgaum or whether there are any vacancies to be filled up ?

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I have not been informed that there is any paucity of staff or that any more staff is needed there. But in any case, as I have told you, wherever the municipality feel necessary, it is open to them to start another hospital in any local area. This has been done by every big municipality in the State. But so far as Government is concerned, we have a big hospital-district civil hospital run at a cost of nearly Rs. 20 to 25 lakhs per annum. If any more is needed, I shall consider.

† Indicates that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.